MCLA Center for Teaching & Learning Welcomes New Faculty Fellows!

MCLA’s Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) promotes student success by providing faculty and instructional staff with professional enrichment opportunities that support their development as educators, advisors, and scholars.

This semester, the CTL is pleased to announce that Professors Anna Jaysane-Darr (Anthropology) and Amanda Laury Kleintop (History) have joined as Faculty Development Fellows. We are thrilled about the opportunity to support our colleagues in teaching and professional development.

Anna and Amanda join Gerol, Erin, and Jessica in leading CTL programming for the spring, including the Spring Speaker Series, Exploring a Pedagogy of Kindness!

Dr. Catherine Denial is the CTL Spring Speaker. Join us on Teams on March 25, 3:00-4:30 PM for her workshop, Exploring a Pedagogy of Kindness.
CTL Programming Overview, Spring 2022

CTL Speaker Series: “Exploring a Pedagogy of Kindness” with Dr. Catherine Denial
Introducing this semester’s CTL speaker, Dr. Catherine Denial, Knox College. Join CTL on Friday, March 25, 2022, from 3:00-4:30 PM, for a virtual, interactive, interdisciplinary workshop about weaving compassion into our policies, assignments, and grading practices. We'll explore how to weave principles of justice, believing students, and believing in students into our policies, assignments, and grading practices. We'll talk about practical tips for increasing kindness in and out of the classroom, and weave in periods of self-reflection on our own experiences with compassion in educational settings. You'll leave with concrete tips for creating a vigorous kindness in your teaching, as well as for taking care of oneself while doing this work. Join us over Teams!

CTL & Mind’s Eye Grant & Fellowship Series: Roundtable
Join CTL and Mind’s Eye in April 2022 for the first event in a multi-year series on faculty scholarship and professional development. This roundtable will feature faculty who have recently won external grants and fellowships. They'll discuss the projects for which they were awarded, how they advanced their work, and the logistics of using grants and fellowships at MCLA. Date and details TBD, so keep an eye out for the announcement!

Foundations of Pedagogy Faculty Learning Community (FLC)
CTL welcomes interested faculty to join the Foundations of Pedagogy FLC, a cross-disciplinary groups of faculty members who collaborate on professional development projects related to teaching and learning broadly defined. The topic for the year is “Foundations of Pedagogy” and will meet on the 1st Friday of the month from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm and 3rd Thursday of the month from Noon – 1:00 pm. Please reach out to Amanda or Erin if you’d like to join this year’s FLC!

CTL Consultations
No time for a workshop, but you have questions about pedagogy? CTL offers thirty-minute one-on-one consultations. Whether you have a question about a specific lesson plan, assignment, or incorporating principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion into your pedagogy, we're here to make the semester a little more manageable. Sign up for office hours with CTL members Anna Jaysane-Darr, Amanda Laury Kleintop, Gerol Petruzella, Chris MacDonald-Dennis, and Erin Milne. Go to our Bookings link for available times.

Record Your Media in the CTL
Need to record something for your class? The new space in the CTL is equipped with recording equipment for both audio and video media. Sign up for a time and any assistance here.

Reserving the Faculty Center
Need to use the Faculty Center? Availability is on the CTL Calendar. Reserve it for your event by emailing ctl@mcla.edu.